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1. The Bishop of Malaga, Angel HERRERA Oria, held an interview with the right-wing Monarchist leader, Jose Maria GIL ROBLES Quinones, in Portugal in early October 1951 during the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. HERRERA reportedly said that the Vatican had urged FRANCO to liberalize his government. HERRERA also indicated that he had received instructions from the Vatican to lend his assistance to those advocating the necessity of an evolution towards a more democratic government in Spain.
2. Source did not believe that an agreement between HERRERA and GIL ROBLES was possible. HERRERA will support the FRANCO regime until the day that GIL ROBLES assumes a cabinet post, according to source.
3. Spanish churchmen attending the Fatima rites took the opportunity to call upon Don Juan. Besides HERRERA, they included the Cardinal Primate Enrique PLA y Deniel and Leopoldo EIJO y Garay, Bishop of Madrid-Alcala.

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